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Name: Scott Hsu

Date of Comment: 8/28/06

Address: [REDACTED], Los Alamos, NM

Comments

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I hope to see Tuolumne protected against overuse. I am
against any major development. Facilities could be
upgraded and centralized but only if environmental
impact is kept equal or reduced compared to the present.
I hope that access will still remain easy and free, ^(other than NPS fee)
especially due to the excellent rock climbing in
this area, which typically require very early starts
or very late finishes.

In short, please no major developments!
Keep this place as close to wilderness as possible.
Thank you!

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Name: Robert Lease

Date of Comment: 8/29/2006

Address: Las Vegas NV

Comments

I've always enjoyed our trips through
and around Yosemite.

It is still #1 of all the parks we've
been to over the years.

Thank you

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Name: David L. Smith

Date of Comment: 8-29-06

Address: [REDACTED] Yosemite

95389

Comments

Promote the arts in Yosemite by
inviting volunteers to host photo
walks and have outdoor art classes -

above and beyond what is
currently available

Have the above in Tuolumne

me = wildography.com

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Name: Dave James

Date of Comment: 08/27/06

Address: [REDACTED], Tasmania, Australia 7276

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- The lodgepole pine removal program is suspicious. Either fix the drainage problem caused by the road or accept global warming is screwing the meadows. Alternatively waste \$& and volunteers indefinitely.
- The campsite fee of \$20 is exorbitant ~~and~~ anywhere else you would expect hot water/showers for that fee. Furthermore it is discriminatory to those that are in small groups ie some one by themselves pays \$20 a night!! A fair and non-discriminatory system would be to pay per person/night eg \$20 divided by 6 person site limit = ~\$3.50 per person per night.
- There is a major smoke issue in the campsite each night. Not only does the park service expose itself to possible litigation

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by allowing campfires (lung cancer/respiratory problems) but my night time enjoyment has been significantly marred by being forced to breath this smoke - breathing difficulties and a nasal infection have inclined me to leave earlier than planned. Those suffering more severe Asthma would be ^{even} more uncomfortable than me. In addition allowing campfires during the driest months of the year is a dangerous compromise for the Wildfire management policy of the park service and encourages a ~~less~~ more casual public attitude to fire.

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Name: Sarah Murphy Date of Comment: Aug 24 '06
Address: [REDACTED] Hillsborough CA 94010

Comments

Aim - reduce traffic. Install bike paths + have a bike rental store at a fair rate. Then impose day use fees for cars. So much of Tuolumne is close to the main campgrounds!

Aim - reduce campfire smog. Re arrange fire places so 2 or 3 sites share a fire ring. Aside from making the air a little cleaner it would encourage socializing. It would be important that campers know about this when booking to ease issues of sharing wood etc. Alternatively ban open air camp fires altogether.

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Perhaps a fire curfew for morning and evening fires?

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Name: David Smith

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Date of Comment: 8-31-06

Address: [REDACTED] Yosemite, CA 95389

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NPS
Do a survey of DNC employees regarding:

- DNC
- NPS/CONSESSIONS relationships
- suggestions, comments, ideas, etc for Yosemite National Park → FROM THOSE WHO ARE HERE EVERY DAY of the YEAR
- Favorite hikes, worst hikes : why? how to improve
- suggestions on how to improve:

THE YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE

David Smith (DNC employee)

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Name: Susan Foster

Date of Comment: August 31, 2006

Address: [REDACTED] Tempe AZ 85284.

Comments

White Wolf to Tuolumne Meadows

We just came back from a backpacking trip where we went to California Falls as part of the trip. it would great if it were easier to plan this deadhead - The "backpackers bus" is not well publicized, we couldn't find it on the web.

That said, I think public transit between White Wolf & Tuolumne Meadows (including the May Lake & 10 lakes trail heads) should be considered.

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Name: Joan Taylor

Date of Comment: 8/31/06

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments

The Park should take this opportunity to limit uses in the River Corridor to make resource protection effective. If necessary within the corridor.

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Name: Grant C Bennett

Date of Comment: 9/1/06

Address: [REDACTED]

El CERRITO CA 94530

Comments

~~I~~ I observed much careful stonework on the trails in the corridor which had been disrupted by stock. I also saw thrown horse shoes and in one place blood on the stones. Stock should be limited or banned from the trails particularly ridden stock. It seems unnecessary cruelty to animals.

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Name: Lowell Sykes Date of Comment: 9-1-06

Address: [REDACTED] Mill Valley, CA 94941

Comments

It seems very plain to me that much trail maintenance money will be wasted as long as stock are allowed to use the hiking trails. The damage they do is tremendous. The use is also cruel to the animals. I have seen blood on the trail where an animal has thrown a shoe. Horses, especially, are plains animals. They should not be on steep, boulder-filled, mountain trails. Let us not fail to state the obvious, or defer to powerful interests.

L.S.

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Name: CARL KUHL

Comment: _____

Date of

9/5/06

Address: _____

Pleasant Hill CA 94523

Comments

Leave Tuolumne Meadows As Is !!

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Name: M. Peare

Date of Comment: 9/1/06

Address: [REDACTED], Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Comments

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ALL camping facilities need better bathroom facilities. That is, flush toilets, water to wash hands and even showers.

The U.S. does a good job of designing campsites for some space and privacy between campsites; but take a trip to S. Germany and see what fantastic bathroom facilities they provide. And they are clean too!

U.S. facilities with only pit toilets are a disgrace!

Also, Add A. SMALL Light in the bathrooms.

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Also - Don't Let Developers into the NATIONAL
Forests & Parks to ruin their NATURAL Beauty.

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Name: ROL REED Date of Comment: 9-1-06
Address: [REDACTED] SAN JOSE 95134

Comments

FLUSH TOILETS IN EVERY CAMPGROUND, WITH A
LIGHT THAT TURNS ON AUTOMATICALLY AFTER
DARK. NO BARS IN A NATIONAL PARK.

NO MORE LODGES/HOTELS. NO MORE
GROCERY STORES. NO MORE FAST FOOD PLACES
THE VALLEY ALREADY HAS TOO MUCH
COMMERCIALIZATION.

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Name: Gerhard & Marge Brostrom
Comment: Aug 15, 2006

Date of

Address: [REDACTED] Albany CA 94706

Comments

We're interested in the least developed options, since pristine lands dwindle into negligible remnants. Off road uses need to be restricted because of lasting damage & disturbance to wildlife & visitors seeking quiet & wilderness experience

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Name: Patrick Mitchell
Comment: _____

Date of 08-26-06

Address: [REDACTED] Orange CA 92868

Comments

The river is deserving of designation as a Wild and Scenic River. It's got spectacular scenery, fishery and recreational opportunity.

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Name: Ed Folsom, Environmental Engineer
Comment: Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows Plans

Date of
8-23-06

Address:

[REDACTED] Livermore, CA 94551

Comments

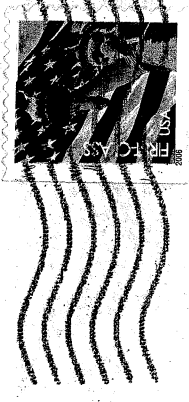
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Present development of Tuolumne Meadows is generally quite good. A reasonable amount of development includes the campground, small store, gas station, visitor center and wilderness center. Attention should be paid to the gas station that it only use double walled tanks with leak detection. The High Sierra Camps and backpacker camps allow access to the wilderness with minimal impact. They should be retained. The composting toilets at backpacker camps particularly minimize impact by properly disposing of human waste. This is much preferred over requiring cat-holes and packing toilet paper out. This last technique only leads to very low levels of compliance.

E. Folsom
[redacted]
Livermore, CA
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All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide written ideas, concerns, or suggestions during the public scoping period, which closes September 7, 2006. Written comments may be mailed to: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389 (Attn: Tuolumne Planning). Written comments may also be faxed to: 209/379-1294. Electronic comments may be emailed to: Yose_Planning@nps.gov (in the subject line type: Tuolumne Planning). Comments can also be submitted online by going to parkplanning.nps.gov/yose. Keep track of project status by regularly visiting the park's web site at www.nps.gov/yose/planning/trp.

Note: Anonymous comments will not be considered. Generally, The National Park Service will make available to the public for inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses. Individuals' addresses will be withheld from publication of comments, however names may be made available.

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Comments

① Repair roads in campgrounds + Park in general. Widen roads and widen shoulders. Provide better parking at trailheads, vista points, and bus stops. Provide paved bike paths when possible and/or wide, dedicated bike lanes ~~at~~ along the entire length of the Tioga Pass Highway. Open some trails to mountain bikes. All Park shuttles should be equipped with bicycle racks. Shuttle information, such as stops and schedules, should be more widely posted and distributed to campers. Provide bicycle supplies and services at gas station. When such facilities are available, offer bicycle rental.

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More smaller scale campgrounds with fewer spaces IN EACH. (Tuolumne Meadows, at approx. 250 sites, is far too big. Provide Wi-Fi + cell service at Visitor Center.

Don't allow R.V.'s with generators in campground. (Provide isolated spaces for those with generators.)

Prohibit loud noise, such as amplified music, in campgrounds.

Prohibit campfires (for environmental reasons).

Campers with pets should be segregated - limited to certain campgrounds.

Add more woodchips to campsites.

Clearly delineate boundaries between campsites to discourage trespassing.

Provide more water spigots in campground.

More shower facilities / easier access.

Enforce campground speed limits to cut down on dust.

Tuolumne Meadow Trail could be paved and opened to bicycle traffic.

What's Important About T M to You

Housing
Roads
Bike Paths
Parking Lots
Aging Sewer
Consolidation
Soundscape
Bathrooms
Watershed
Wilderness

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What About TM do
You Dislike

Lack of Environmental
Concern
Exhaust

what About ^{7W5R-457-215} TM ^{p. 385}
do You Like

Home
Passion
Willing to Fight For
Community
Access
Legacy
History
Immersion in Nature
The Road is Closed
Most of the Year

What About TM do
You Dislike

Roads
Noise
People
Meadow Damage
HSC
Tour Buses
DNC / NPS bureaucracy
POLITICS
The Time it Takes to do Things
Size of Domestic Fires

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Whats Important About TM to You

Development
Type of Use
Rustic Appearance
Recreation Opportunity
Spectrum
Wildlife
Strive for Less
Solitude
Landscape
Feeling of Ownership